The
Bar Hill News
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Life begins at 40!

In case you hadn't noticed, Bar Hill celebrates it's 40th birthday this year! And what better way is there for us to celebrate our "coming of age" than by throwing a party?

Put Saturday, 7th July, in your diary now – the Fete on the Village Green in Bar Hill will definitely be the place to be that day!

Yes – it's 40 years since the first, brave families moved into our village. Back in 1967 Bar Hill was an exciting new concept, one many said would never work. But here we are, 40 years later, a happy, thriving and established community.

It's definitely going to be a summer packed full of birthday celebrations here in Bar Hill, and our own Bar Hill Village Fete will be bigger and better than ever to mark this milestone.

There'll be something for everyone on the day...

We've got "big boy's toys" in the form of classic cars and vintage tractors. And we've not forgotten the "little" boys either with reptile and creepy crawlies – definitely not for the squeamish! On a more tranquil note, you'll find flower arranging and peaceful displays from our local Nature Reserve.

And, as seems traditional when celebrating a big birthday, we just have to get the old photos out! You won't want to miss the photographic display of Bar Hill as a "baby" and as she grows up.

If your idea of a good Saturday afternoon out is to go shopping – don't worry. We've got plenty of stalls planned to help empty your purse.

And let mum have a day off from cooking too. No-one needs go hungry either as we've got masses to eat - from bacon butties to cream teas, from a hog roast to candyfloss. Best forget the diet on Fete day.

If that still isn't enough to keep you occupied, we've plenty more. For the kids, there'll be face painting, clowns, magicians, Punch and Judy shows, a bouncy castle and lots more. For bigger kids, why not try the Quad bikes, Surf Simulator, Bucking Bronco or Coconut Shy. We've got some stocks as well – but I'm not sure just how we get that "troublesome" person in them yet!

But you can get involved in the celebrations too...

Want to take part in the Tug of War? If so, contact Bill Proudfoot for an entry form.

Want to show off your cookery skills? Then enter our cookery contest. We've a WI accredited judge coming along to decide the winners in each of our three categories – Sweet, Savoury and Jams & Chutneys. Watch out for an entry form in the next Bar Hill News.

This is just a taster of all the good things to come this summer. Apart from our Village Fete, many more celebrations are planned. As they say "Watch this space" for more details.

If you want more information about the Village Fete and how you can get involved, contact Kirsten Goodfield on 200228.

EXCUSE US WHILE WE CHANGE

You might notice your Bar Hill News looks a little different this month - we're getting a face lift!

At long last, Martin Avery is able to relinquish his role as Editor of the Bar Hill News. I'm sure we all want to offer our thanks to Martin for his many years of hard work bringing us the Bar Hill News. But Martin isn't leaving us completely – he's still an active member of the Resident's Association in his role as Vice-Chairman.

As your new Editor, I hope you will like the changes that are being made. We're only partly there – no face lift can ever be completed overnight! But we hope you'll let us know what you think so far, what you'd like to see us include, and what you think we should leave out.

The Bar Hill News is <u>your</u> newsletter, designed to keep you in touch with everything that happens in your village. But we can only do this if you let us know what's going on! Send us your photos of village events – at the school, your sports group or a club. Or just a pretty picture of something you think other Bar Hill residents may enjoy. Tell us about the funny things that happen to you in the village, the sad things, and the little niggling things that annoy everyday. If you've got a joke you think relevant to the village, send it in. Treat us like an old friend – someone you can tell about those little things that happen every day.

On page 2, you'll find out how to contact us - so please do!

And don't forget – for sale, wanted, lost & found and other small ads are free for Bar Hill residents!

Did you know?

- Bar Hill has its very own website. Simply log on to www.barhill.org.uk
- The Bar Hill News is available on audio tape. If you know anyone who could benefit from this free service, contact Julie at Camsight (tel: 01223 420033)
- The copy date for the June edition of the Bar Hill News is Wednesday, 15th May. Contact details for all contributors are given on page 2

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EDITORIAL

There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale** and **Lost & Found**, and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by the 15th of the month. Anonymous letters will **NOT** be published, but names and addresses may be withheld. However these may be made available should a written request be received.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954).

All items can be submitted electronically on disc or to **bhneditor@yahoo.com**.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor...

Once again the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) has succeeded in ambushing the Parish Council (PC) into bailing them out with their overspend on the Village Hall refurbishment project. The original contribution by the PC, back in 1998, was £750k. Since then the VHMC has allowed an overspend of more than £100k. To help out, the PC made an £30k interest free loan to the VHMC.

According to Margaret Sellars' letter (BHN April), there was a shortfall in Village Hall (VH) funds of £56k last year, with a further £15k needed at the end of this year. Margaret mentioned various options, and should any of these be adopted, this would open the flood gates for any village organisation embarking on a project to ask the PC to bail them out if they get into financial difficulty.

I believe that the options mentioned by Margaret are unacceptable, especially for OAP's and those on low incomes. Remember that the VH is NOT owned by the village, therefore there is no collateral. The VHMC has been grossly inept in its financial handling of this project and should, as such, be held personally accountable.

My understanding is that the VHMC acts on behalf of the PC, but are not appointed by the PC. If this is correct then I would recommend:

- The VHMC be fired. (This should happen even if they do not act on behalf of the PC.)
- The Sports and Social Club (SSC) be asked to form a new Committee.
- The new Committee to adopt the responsibilities and duties of the current VHMC and SSC, and to manage and operate the VH as an integrated organisation.
- Ask the current SSC and VHMC to combine its financial resources and to operate the new venture on a commercial basis, including paying off its debts without resorting to seeking help from the PC and taxpayer.

The alternative is to hand over the VH and its debts to a private company. The Bar Hill Council Tax payer now knows what it is like to be well and truly bushwacked.

Michael Boughton-Fox
93 Hollytrees, Bar Hill

Dear Editor...

I am writing to give you an update on the situation regarding the shortfall in financing the refurbishment of the village hall. Last month I told you that the Parish Council (PC) had reluctantly decided to apply for a loan, on behalf of the Management Committee, which would be paid back over 15 years. The Secretary of State has ruled that the PC cannot take out a loan on behalf of a third party.

The PC discussed the situation again at its meeting on 19 April and it was felt that insufficient information was available about the ownership of the hall. It was decided that enquiries would be made by the PC, about ownership, and by the Management Committee again, about alternative funding. I will report further when more information is available.

Margaret Sellars
Chairman, Parish Council

Dear Editor...

CAMBRIDGESHIRE UNITES TO GAIN A14 IMPROVEMENTS

Cambridgeshire's top 18 movers and shakers have joined together to send Government highway chiefs a clear united message - we want the A14 improved urgently and the so-called orange route option built.

The Government run Highways Agency will be left in no doubt that Cambridgeshire is desperate for the A14 to be improved.

The statement says: "The group welcomes the Highways Agency's proposals to upgrade the A14 from Ellington to Fen Ditton, and supports the "orange" route proposed to the south of Godmanchester and Brampton which must be to a three lane dual carriageway standard. The group also supports the principle of separating through traffic from local traffic and therefore the limited junction approach along the whole scheme is accepted.

"The group recognises that the A14, which serves large areas of Cambridgeshire and beyond, is currently not adequate to cater for the current traffic demand and that which is forecast from regional growth. It urges the Highways Agency to deliver the scheme as soon as possible."

The Highways Agency is also urged to make sure the impact on local roads; villages and towns are taken into account and especially Huntingdon town centre. The group also ask that any improvements should take into account future housing growth, including Northstowe, and provide proper environmental measures to protect existing homes and communities.

PAPWORTH EVERARD BYPASS

The £8.7 million Papworth Everard Bypass, designed to reduce the amount of traffic using the village and improve safety, was officially opened on Friday, March 30. The first car to officially travel on the much-needed bypass was a 1934 vintage Morris 8 classic car. The bypass will take around 7,800 vehicles away from the centre of the accident-hit village every day.

Papworth Everard, which is split by the A1198, currently sees 1,300 lorries travelling through the village every day. Between 2000 and 2005 there were 28 accidents on the stretch of the road that is now bypassed.

The 1.7-mile (2.7km) stretch of road has been built using 230,000 tonnes of soil, which were dug out and recycled to help form the base of the road. When the road surface that formed part of the old B1040 was dug up, 3,500 tonnes of this surfacing was then recycled and used to build part of the new bridleway. It took 70,000 man hours to build the bypass. A new bridleway has also been built as part of the scheme, to improve access for horse riders, cyclists and pedestrians.

PLANNERS BACK REGION'S MOST MODERN WASTE TREATMENT SCHEME

County planning chiefs have backed an application by Cambridgeshire firm Donarbon Limited to build the region's most modern waste treatment plant at Waterbeach. The company propose to build a mechanical biological treatment plant which first sorts black bag rubbish, removes material for recycling and then composts it. The scheme also includes a visitor centre where people and schools can learn more about recycling and the plant, which uses environmentally friendly methods to treat the waste. With housing development growing in Cambridgeshire and Government imposing tough financial penalties on over use of landfill it is

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important the County's rubbish is recycled as much as possible.

The facility would treat mixed household waste in two ways:

- Mechanical - separation and sorting to recover recyclable materials and remove other materials suitable for further processing or use.
- Biological - the remaining waste from the mechanical process is then composted inside a building to reduce its biodegradability and after about 6-weeks a compost-like material is produced. This material could be used as a soil conditioner or deposited in landfill.

The facility would process the waste streams currently accepted at the site. These include mixed household wastes from Cambridgeshire and other municipal wastes within a local catchment area. Current estimates on the tonnage required to be processed in the County range from 143,000 to 188,000 tonnes per year over the next 30 years.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE PROVES ITS SUSTAINABLE CREDENTIALS

An innovative project led by Cambridgeshire County Council has received national recognition for its efforts to build and maintain sustainable communities. SmartLIFE, a European project, was nominated for the Local Government Chronicle and Health Service Journal Sustainable Communities Awards 2007 in association with DEFRA - the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The project's main aims address the three challenges of housing delivery in growth areas - affordability, sustainability and energy efficiency and skills or capacity shortages in the construction industry.

The awards recognise and celebrate excellent and innovative work where local partnerships across the country are striving to improve environmental, social and economic well-being at the same time.

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And in Dafur, where the conflict in Sudan forced two million people to flee their homes for temporary camps, Oxfam is there providing water tanks, sanitation facilities and essential daily help.

To help the victims of such disasters Oxfam needs your help. In Cambridge, on **20th May 2007**, we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the **annual Oxfam Walk**, which has over the years raised much-needed funds for the charity.

The Oxfam Walk is your chance to raise funds for Oxfam's Emergencies Fund and have a great day out with your family or friends. You can choose a length of walk that suits you – from 4 to 26 miles – and raise your fitness level whilst raising funds.

All routes begin and end at Stourbridge Common, Cambridge. The routes, setting off along the river Cam, will be well signed with marshals and checkpoints will provide refreshments.

This year we are hoping to raise £50,000. Please help us maintain the tradition of Cambridge helping Oxfam – 40 years on and still going strong.

For Registration Forms or further information, visit www.oxfam.org.uk/walk email events@oxfam.org.uk or phone 0870 905 9060.

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Why not give us a try? Our meetings are held once a fortnight, on a Thursday evening. Details of our next few meetings are:

- **10th May** Visit to Cambridge Folk Museum
- **24th May** Listen with Edna - an evening of 78rpm records, at Edna's
- **7th June** A taste of history - discussion and food sampling through the ages, at Heather's

The Bar Hill group welcomes women of all ages and we would love to see you. Do give us a try - it's fun and only costs £1 per evening.

If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Bobby Colver (tel: 781662) or Heather Wheeler (tel: 781208). You can also find us on www.nwr.org.uk. It's well worth a look!

TWO-TIER SYSTEM FOR STUDENT BUS TRAVEL

A two-tier system for subsidising bus travel for students over the age of 16 is being introduced in Cambridgeshire from September.

The basic charge will be £110 a term, but a new enhanced rate of £150 will be introduced for Stagecoach's Goldrider service. The Goldrider covers the Cambridge area and has the benefit of unlimited weekend and evening travel, which other operators do not offer. The cheaper rate has been introduced for students outside Cambridge unable to take advantage of the Goldrider benefits.

Both passes are heavily subsidised by Cambridgeshire County Council - one Goldrider pass alone will cost the authority nearly £600 - while many students from families on low incomes will continue to receive free transport.

The total number of students using the Goldrider pass is currently 1516 - 1126 paying the subsidised rate and 390 who travel free on the grounds of low income. The new charges are in line with neighbouring authorities.

The two-tier system of charging has been welcomed by Coun Shona Johnstone, Cambridgeshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services.

"I wholeheartedly support the proposal to charge slightly more for the Goldrider pass, especially given the huge subsidy from the County Council to help students travel to and from college. It reflects our commitment and support to the further education of Cambridgeshire's young people. These passes still represent terrific value for money. The equivalent Megarider Plus ticket costs £19.50 a week for an adult - over £1000 a year."

John Reynolds, County Councillor

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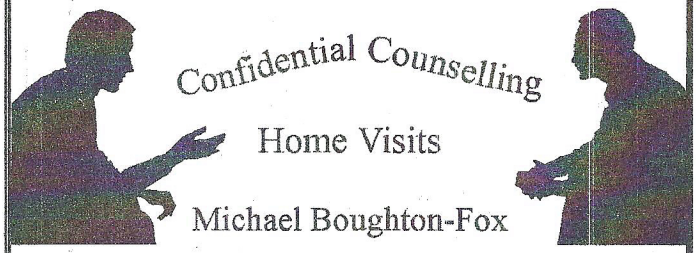

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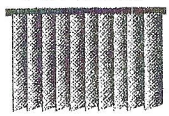
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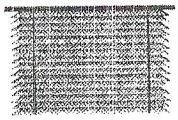
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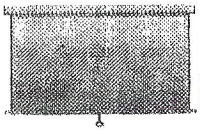
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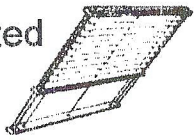
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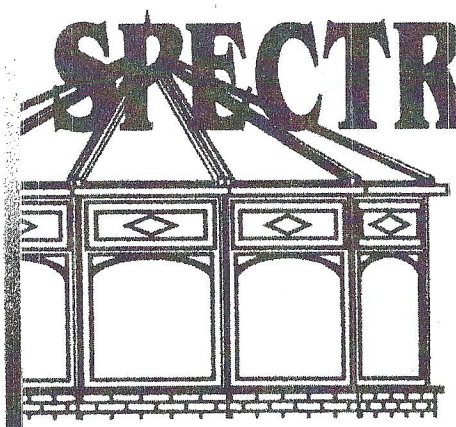

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HGV PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

Unfortunately the meeting regarding the HGV on the village with officers from the Highways Dept, Parish Council and others which was to take place on 20th April was cancelled and we are waiting for a new date which will hopefully be in May.

FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF MILTON COUNTRY PARK

Further steps have been taken by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) to secure the long-term future of Milton Country Park.

Following input from a range of organisations interested in running the park, groups will now be invited to put forward their plans for its future management.

A review panel of key decision makers from the council will consider all expressions of interest in the park, working with the various organisations to develop the best available option.

SCDC's Council will also be asked to approve in principle the disposal of the council's land in the park, and the land on a 999-year lease owned by the Stokes' family, to the organisation selected to take on the management of the park. The land would then be leased over 99-years at a peppercorn rent.

Simon McIntosh, head of policy, performance and partnerships at SCDC said, "These are positive steps toward finding a partner or partners to secure the long-term future of Milton Country Park. We are working closely with a range of organisations to look at different options to keep the park open. The majority of organisations involved believe that it will be possible to find a solution so this is another positive step towards protecting the park. We know that a lot of work is still to be done and it will not be easy."

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NO SMOKING!

Bar Hill Village Hall is ahead of the game as public venues approach the July 1st deadline for going smoke-free. The Village Hall and Social Club has been presented with a silver National Clean Air Award. The initiative is run by the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation and recognises workplaces and employers who implement effective non-smoking policies. Zoe Harvey of Smoke Free Cambridgeshire and Peterborough made a presentation at the venue last month. Helen Gordon from the Village Hall Management Committee said: "Going smoke free has been a really positive move for us." This is one more reason to book the Village Hall for your function – villagers enjoy advantageous rates. Full hire details on the Village Hall website at www.barhillvillagehall.btik.com or by phoning Helen Gordon on 206179.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Bar Hill Parish Council

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Parish Council Web Site

Visit www.barhillpc.org.uk to keep up to date on current affairs in the village, including meeting minutes and agenda.

Litter Picking Day

The Litter Picking Day was a resounding success, with many residents turning up to help. Special thanks go to the Wilkinson family - especially Sophie and Jamie. They threw themselves into the job with such vigour! It is very good to see so young children coming along with their parents. It helps to send out a positive message to the many people in the village who feel it is OK to drop litter. The area around Tesco is always very messy, and I have written to them to ask if their litter pickers could also collect in Gladeside, Robin Close and the other side of the roundabout by the petrol station.

Graffiti Removal Service

I have had notification from South Cambridgeshire District Council that they are now undertaking a Graffiti Removal Service. This is free of charge, but you must complete an Indemnity Form, which can be collected from the Parish Council office.

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council has had reports that dog owners are allowing their dogs to foul in the village and they are not clearing up after them. This is a criminal offence and if evidence is forthcoming prosecutions will be made. There are many dog bins around the village - please use them!

Village Green

Over the Easter holidays it was reported that golf was being played on the village green. Obviously the green is for recreational use, but the Parish Council must ask residents NOT to use the green as a golf course. This could prove highly dangerous to nearby windows and also to people walking by.

Parish Council Meetings

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 17th May at 7pm in the Parish Council Office. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Leigh Baffa, Parish Clerk
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CUT-PRICE COMPOST BINS SPRING GARDENS BACK TO LIFE

Green fingered residents in Cambridgeshire are being reminded that discounted compost bins could help their wallet, their garden and the environment.

Waste chiefs in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are urging residents to compost their food waste this spring.

Recent research indicates that around 3.3 million tones of food are wasted every year in the UK. This is not only a waste of money, costing over £425 per adult but a burden to the environment.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership (RECAP), supported by the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP), are running a scheme to provide reduced price compost bins to tackle the mountains of food waste arising every year.

The compost bins, which have a recommended retail price of over £30, are reduced to as little as £8 including delivery costs. When ordered online, www.recyclenow.com/compost residents of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can save an extra £1.

Food waste ending up in landfill sites will decompose creating methane, a greenhouse gas which is partly responsible for global warming. In addition the Government taxes every tonne of waste that ends up in landfill and will fine Councils who break tough limits on the amount of rubbish that can be landfilled.

Cambridgeshire has been acknowledged as top Shire County for the third year in a row in 2005/6 with a recycling rate of almost 44%, the average in England is 27%.

Victor Perez, Waste Campaigns Officer for Cambridgeshire County Council, said: "Home composting, is by far the most environmentally friendly option to deal with food waste such as fruit and vegetable peelings, soggy lettuce and mouldy strawberries. Not only do you cut down on pollution by not having to transport the waste but as the whole process takes place in your backyard the resulting product can be applied to your garden. These cut price compost bins are a good way of helping the environment and your wallet by improving your garden and reducing the amount of rubbish ending up in landfill.

"We welcome the support from the Government to set up Waste and Resources Action Programme. Councils in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have been promoting compost schemes for more than six years now, as we recognise the key role composting has in beating the waste mountain and help prevent global warming, either at home or through the kerbside collections."

Compost bins can be ordered online visiting www.recyclenow.com/compost or by phone on 0845 077 0757, quoting reference HCA1.

For more information about waste prevention and recycling, please visit www.recap.co.uk give us a call on 0845 045 5207.

This promotion is run by the Waste and Resources Action Programme. It is subject to availability and closes in December 2007.

The RECAP partnership includes: Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, Peterborough City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

For those who have no space for a compost bin the following collections are available:

- Cambridge City Council, Huntingdonshire District Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council accept all cooked and raw meat, vegetables, dairy products and bread as well as garden waste in the green wheeled-bin.
- East Cambridgeshire District Council accepts all cooked and raw meat, vegetables, dairy products and bread as well as garden waste in the brown sacks.
- Fenland District Council accepts all cooked and raw meat, vegetables, dairy products and bread as well as garden waste in the brown wheeled-bin.

John Reynolds, County Councillor

Local help and support for people with sight problems

Did you know that there is help for anyone with sight problems? A group is held at the Church, Bar Hill, 2pm until 4pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Please contact Joan on 01954 200622 or Julie on 01223 420033

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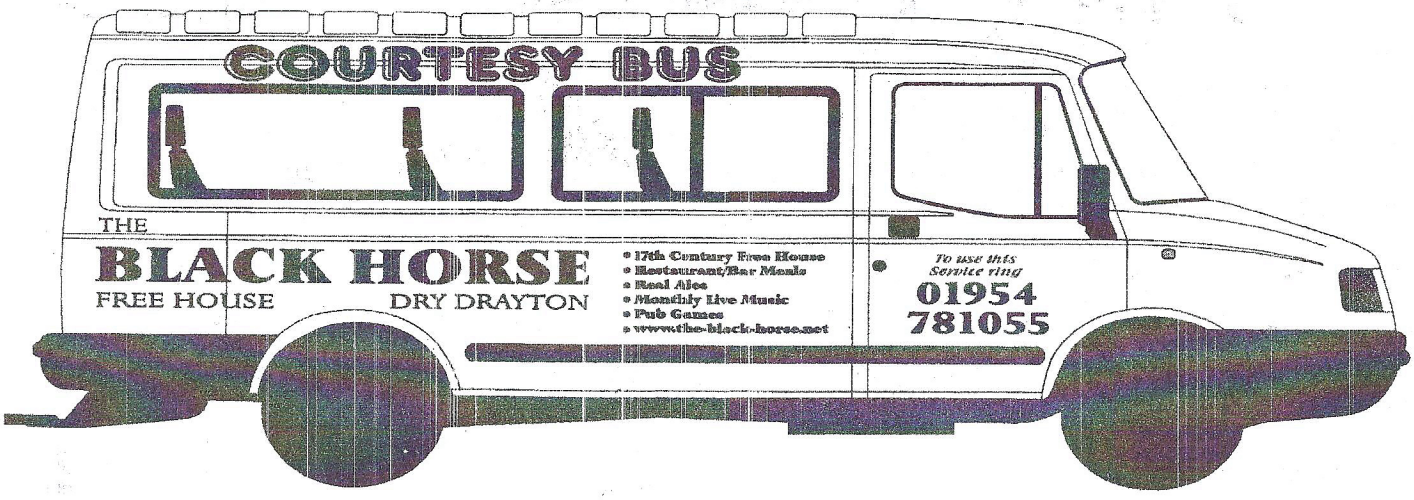

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Session Times Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.00-11.30, 12.30-3.00; Tuesday: 9.15-10.45 (play tots), 12.30-3.00. Lunch club 11.30-12.30 daily.

Rising 5's session This is for children in their final year at Pre-School, and is more structured preparing them for school entry.

Early Years Funding We can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their third birthday.

Subsidised Places We offer reduced sessions rates for parents/carers on Income Support/Working tax credit. We also accept child care vouchers from your employer.

Play Tots Session 9.15 - 10.45 Tuesday. This is our session for babies to Pre-School. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis.

For more information please contact the Pre-School on 782892 during session times or pop in and see us. Alternatively contact Sarah on 781871 before 7pm weekdays.

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Then why not shop online at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk for traditional handmade gifts!

The Friends of the Rosie are enthusiastic volunteers whose aim is to improve the services the hospital provides by raising money for items that the NHS does not buy. They have a Tea Shop in the Outpatient Clinic and a loyal team who make children's clothes and toys to sell under the name "Rosie in Stitches". Our next stall at Addenbrooke's Outpatients is on Tuesday 22nd May from 10.00am.

The Friends of the Rosie are interested in the comfort of all Rosie patients, and supply specially designed furniture, as well as refurbishing wards. In the community they supply midwives with state-of-the-art equipment. If you can spare a few hours a week, or wish to make a donation, they would be happy to hear from you.

We are in urgent need of some volunteers who can manage our stalls at Addenbrooke's hospital once a quarter from 2007. Check out our website for more details at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk/volunteering.htm or telephone Avril 01954 782431.

While you are online, and doing a spot of shopping, log on to the fund raising site at http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/uk/forh. for a FREE fundraising service where you can raise funds for Friends of the Rosie every time you shop online.

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Thank you for your support in whatever way you can. Please send a donation via our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk or send a cheque made payable to Friends of the Rosie to Mr D Sanders, 145 Gwydir Street, Cambridge, CB1 2LJ

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INVITATION

Parents and carers of children Under 2 are invited to bring the kids to **"Sunbeams"**. On Thursday mornings (9.30am - 11.30am) the preschool will be given over to the little 'uns. They will have full use of both the indoor and outdoor facilities (weather permitting) and whilst the children play the grown ups can mingle, meeting other parents and carers from the area. Older siblings and "Sunshiners" are also welcome. There is a nominal charge of just £1 and tea, coffee or juice will be available.

ROOM and FACILITIES FOR HIRE

Outside of pre-school hours the rooms, kitchen, toys and bouncy castle are available for hire. Ideal venue for children's parties, etc. Our "Party package" of the bouncy castle and playrooms is just £45! (£5 returnable deposit required.) For information on availability, pricing or to book please call Linda Rose on 01480 462025 or 01954 789099.

And Finally....

We hope all of you who attended our events over Easter had a good time and look forward to seeing you at our future events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers at these events and local businesses for their contributions.

SESSION TIMES

Mornings **9.00am - 11.30am**
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (for Sunbeams), and Friday

Lunch Club **11.30am - 12.30am**
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

Afternoons **12.30pm - 3.00pm**
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

For details of free sample sessions or if you have any questions call 01954 789099 to speak to a Playleader.

Little Acorns Pre-School

Little Acorns is a privately owned, non-profit making, pre-school. We are situated in the meetings room (next door to the main church building) and all play leaders are qualified Nursery Nurses/ teachers. We are open every day, morning and afternoon, during school term time (9.15-11.45 am and 12.30- 3pm). There is a lunch club every day from 12 noon.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions, including cookery, PE, woodwork and music sessions.

Children are welcome to attend from age two years. From the term after their third birthday children are entitled to 5 free sessions per week. We offer a "places for all policy", whereby we subsidize or give free places to families in need. Annually we ensure that at least three or four children are able to access good quality preschool education through this scheme. Please enquire about this. Parents may choose to help at sessions during our "bring your Mum or Dad to Acorns" weeks, which are very popular.

For more information, a prospectus, registration form, copy of our OFSTED report or to arrange a visit, please telephone Sally on 201074. If you would like to arrange a visit please phone Acorns direct on 7851803083.

Sports & Social Club

May News

The newly elected committee is now up and running and has some fresh and new ideas for the coming year – so watch this space!

Now that the light evenings are here, have a stroll round to the Social Club with friends - or come and make some new ones! You can have a quiet drink in the conservatory, play crib, darts, skittles or pool, some of which are played in a league if you are competitive, or just watch sport on TV if you're not feeling so energetic.

We have quiz nights every other Thursday and hope to enter a pub quiz league and hold family quiz nights soon.

There is a membership draw held every other Saturday. But you have to be in the club with your membership card to qualify for a win!

We also have occasional live entertainment and discos. So why leave Bar Hill for your night out?

Don't forget the club is open from 12 pm to 12 am on Fridays and Saturdays.

If you're not already a member, just come along and join.

See you soon!

Julie Circuit

Bar Hill Tennis Club

By the time you read this, our season will have started and Club nights will be well under way on our Courts which were re-surfaced at the end of 2005.

We encourage all current, lapsed and new members to come along and play! Please encourage your family, neighbours and friends to come down to our club social nights to play some tennis. We welcome players of **all** abilities. An excellent way to keep fit and enjoy the summer evenings in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Court Timetable

• **Men's Team Practice** Mondays, 2nd - 23rd April, 7-9pm • **Men's Team Matches** Mondays, 30th April - 14th May, 6-9pm • **Mixed Team Matches** Mondays, 9th July, 16th July, 6th August, 6-9pm • **Adult Club Social Nights** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 17th April - 17th September, 7-9pm • **Supervised Junior Play Sessions** Wednesdays, 2nd May - 18th July, 6-8pm •

The Bar Hill Primary School will use the courts in the summer term at dates to be confirmed.

Generally, there will be free use of the courts to all members outside of these times.

Annual Subscriptions

These became due from 1st April 2007. We have kept the subs at the same price as last season so you can all enjoy the new courts at no extra cost!

- *Adult Membership*: £35
- *Junior Membership*: £15
- *Family Membership* (1 or 2 adults plus children up to age of 16): £75

Guests of members may occasionally use the courts accompanied by members for £2 per person/session.

• **Wimbledon Tickets:** We have 3 pairs of tickets to the show courts at the Wimbledon Championships available to Club members: Friday 29th June centre court (£108), Tues 3rd July centre court (£124) & Wed 4th July No.1 court (£130). The draw takes place on 22nd May at 7 pm at the club courts.

• There will be free, public access to the courts during the weekends of the Wimbledon fortnight (30th June, 1st, 7th and 8th July from 10-5pm).

• We shall be holding a quiz evening in October - more details to follow.

Your Committee

- Ray Livingstone (Chairman) 01954 201170 (ray298@ntlworld.com)
- John Suchocki (Treasurer) 01954 780 461
- Jackie Quazi (Secretary): 01954 201 267 (jeffandjackie@ntlworld.com)
- Paul Chubbuck 01954 781 688 (paul.chubbuck@btinternet.com)
- Lynda Symonds 01954 200 179 (lynda_symonds@hotmail.com)

By the time you read this, we'll be off and running for the new season, and we look forward to seeing spectators at the Village Green.

The first eleven are into league action on May 5th, with the seconds following a week later. There will also be a Sunday friendly team, plus youth teams, at the time of writing, at under-12s, 13s and 14s, so there is sure to be plenty of action to enjoy. Full details of the fixture list, plus a host of other features can be found at the club website, www.barhillcricket.org.uk.

Thanks to all those who supported the quiz night and raffle at the Sports and Social Club, and particularly the quiz masters from the Blade's Runners team, whom I suspect are looking forward to returning to the ranks of competitors next time! Thanks also to the winning team, who very kindly donated their cash prize back to the club.

Look out for future events at the club, and we also hope to see you on fete day, when we will be providing the barbecue.

The club is also running a kit sale service this spring. If you have grown out of last year's trousers, jumpers, boots etc, why not let us try to sell them (on a 50/50 basis/ donation) on your behalf. Please contact Barry Driver on 789365 for further details. May we once again thank our sponsors, Andy's Kars, the Sports and Social Club and Domino for their support.

FIXTURES

• **May 5th**: Cambridge Granta IV (H, 1st XI) • **May 6th**: NCI (A, friendly) • **May 12th**: Over II (H, 1st XI); Over III (A, 2nd XI) • **May 17th**: Histon (A, under-14); Cottenham (A, under-13) • **May 19th**: Cottenham (H, 1st XI) • **May 20th**: Camden (A, friendly) • **May 21st**: Cottenham (H, under-12) • **May 23rd**: Granta (H, under-14) • **May 26th**: Milton II (H, 1st XI) • **May 27th**: Elmdon (H, friendly) • **June 2nd**: Histon III (A, 1st XI; Histon IV (H, 2nd XI) • **June 3rd**: Beehive (H, friendly) • **June 6th**: Milton (H, under-14) • **June 7th**: Over (H, under-13) • **June 9th**: Needingworth II (H, 2nd XI) • **June 10th**: Fulbourn (A, friendly) •

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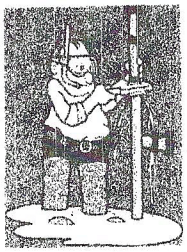

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Girlguiding UK

Bar Hill District

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Who are we?

Rainbows are 5-7 year old girls
Brownies are 7-10 year old girls
Guides are 10-14 year old girls
Leaders are 18 plus – New adults always welcome

Where and When do we meet?

Monday: **Rainbows** 6.00-7.15 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Tuesday: **Brownies** 6.30-8.00 pm at Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Wednesday: **Rainbows** 6.00-7.15 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Wednesday: **Guides** 7.30-9.00 pm at Meetings Room, Octagon, Bar Hill Church
Thursday: **Brownies** 5.45-7.15 pm at The Studio, Bar Hill School

Here's a snapshot of what we are up to:

- **1st Bar Hill Rainbows** had a very enjoyable sleepover to Houghton Hall, where they did loads of activites based around the Mr Men and Little Miss. Then at the end of term they did a presentation to their parents all about it!

During the next term the girls will be doing a number of different actviites based on the Rainbow 20th Birthday Celebrations including having a ''20's" themed party, working towards the challenge badge and taking part in the Division party.

- **2nd Bar Hill Rainbows** have had a games evening, learning new games and having a laugh. We had a healthy eating evening, making dips and smoothies, a beauty evening, where we had face packs and foot spas, and made our own creams. We have read the tiny seed and made egg cup head people so we can watch the seeds grow. There will be a sleepover the weekend of 12th May and they are busy preparing for this. The theme for this is Big Cook, Little Cook.
- **1st Bar Hill Brownies** have been completing individual Badge work, and the Culture Badge and their Handbooks.
- **2nd Bar Hill Brownies** have been making smoothies and icing decorations. We celebrated Chinese New Year with lanterns, lucky red envelopes and bookmarks, as well as Chinese food. We had an Aladdin themed Promise Party. We will shortly be going on Pack Holiday and will be going on a day out to London to ICANDO and the Royal Mews. This term we will be doing pioneering, nature walk, swimming, and English themed activities for May Day and St. George's Day. We also made Easter bonnets and hand puppets.
- **Guides** celebrated Easter with the traditional chocolate night activities, we had lots of chocolate and we used Curly Wurlies to build sculptures. We had a flower arranging night and finished the term with a farewell party for 4 guides going up to Rangers. We are looking forward to a next term of outside activities.

If you have any skills you could offer to the girls, please let us know. Are you good at crafts and could spare the occassional evening? Could you teach the girls your hobby? We're always on the look out for new ideas. And you don't have to commit to every week!

District Commissioner Vacancy

My term as a District Commissioner will be coming to an end soon. If you are interested in becoming involved in Guiding but cannot do unit meetings each week, this could be the role for you. Interested? Then please contact me and I can tell you more about what this involves.

Claire Cook, District Commissioner
01954 203721

RACE ON TO FIND CAMBRIDGESHIRE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The County Council is turning up the heat to find Cambridgeshire's Volunteer of the Year in an awards scheme.

Members of the public, volunteer and community groups are being asked to nominate individuals who deserve to be recognised for making an outstanding contribution by their volunteer work.

The Cambridgeshire Volunteer Awards sponsored by the County Council, have been organised for the second year as part of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Life Awards - which were previously known as the Calor Village of the Year competition.

The Cambridgeshire Volunteer Awards will recognise the huge number of volunteers working in the county to enrich their community through a huge range of activities - the awards give local people a chance to nominate their unsung hero.

The 2007 Volunteer Awards have five categories:

- Innovation - for volunteers who have come up with an exciting and original way to address a need in their community.
- Commitment - an award for volunteers who have shown true dedication, perhaps carrying out essential work.
- Impact - for volunteers whose work has transformed lives, environments or communities.
- Inspiration - an award for volunteers who have inspired others or become role models for others.
- Partnership - for volunteers who have successfully built partnerships across their community, sector, race, culture or faith group and used these partnerships to achieve great things.

Entries must be submitted by Saturday, June 30. The winners will receive their award and be invited to attend a presentation awards ceremony and dinner at the Burgess Hall, St Ives, on September 4, 2007. The awards will be presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire.

To submit an entry, either download an entry form from the Internet at: www.communitylifeawards.org.uk or telephone Awards Co-ordinator Alison Brown on (01353) 865029.

County Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services, Councillor John Reynolds, said: "Volunteers enrich our lives and our communities in so many ways and the range of activities is so varied. I would urge people to vote for their favourite 'unsung hero' to ensure they are recognised for the effort they put in to supporting their community."

John Reynolds

HAPPY HOURS

the recycled youth club

I hear that we shall shortly have a new Editor for the Bar Hill News. If this is the case, then I think a word of thanks must be given to the retiring Editor, Martin Avery.

Martin has carried out his duties in a most profesional and exemplary manner for many years. The time, and indeed the effort, that he has spent on bringing village news to the many residents of Bar Hill is much appreciated. I only hope that all those people who have spent so much time and effort in helping Martin will continue to carry on and help the new Editor. Many thanks to all those who are so willing volunteers.

Outings

On Wednesday, 24th March many members of the Club enjoyed a wonderful outing to the historic city of St Albans. Most of us visited the fine catherdral building which is said to have the longest nave of any church. A church has stood on this site for over 1,700 years and is dedicated to St Alban - the first christian martyr in Britain. St Albans also has many fine buildings of historical note, good museums and a fine shopping area, including a large market, held mainly on Wednesdays.

Our next outing will be on Wednesday, 30th May when we will be travelling to Market Bosworth where we will be boarding a canal boat for a three hour canal trip, passing the ancient battle grounds of Bosworth Fields. A cooked lunch will be provided, and a bar is available. And there may be a few seats left if you are interested!

Holidays

Our next holiday has been arranged for Sunday, 6th May, when we will be travelling to Bournemouth and staying at the Bourne Hall Hotel. On the way, we will have a two hour stop for lunch in Marlow. Trips have been arranged to Blandford Forum and Monkey World, and a day out at Swanage, together with a ride on the Swanage Railway. A free day will be spent in Bournemouth and, on our return journey, we will have a lunch break in Guildford.

Charity Collection

Win Holt and Joan Tanton wish to thank all members who have supported their collection of toiletries. This is in aid of a christian charity directed towards the people of Eastern Europe. I can now reveal that these small gifts, together with many others from the East Anglia region, will be taken to Moldova towards the end of April for distribution to people who regard such items as luxuries.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome Colin Macer and his wife, Yolanda, who have recently joined the Club. Already they are making new friends and enjoying the activities of Happy Hours.

Sickness

Ida Sulman has spent quite some time in hospital, but now appears to be on the mend. Hopefully she will soon be back in our company. Neville Clark has now left hospital, and has been found a place in a residential home. It is unlikely that he will return to the village.

Obituary

It is with much sadness that I have to record the death of Ann Barnes who passed away on Friday, 13th April after a long illness. Ann had been a regular member of the Club for many years and will be missed by her many friends. We send her devoted husband, Terry, our deepest sympathy.

Dennis Holt
780948

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8.00pm in the school. Our meetings are very informal and are open to all ladies from Bar Hill. We try to have varied meetings with speakers, outings and meals out.

The programme is as follows

3rd May - Linda Scholes - 'Everything I always wanted to know about sex'

7th June - Garden party at 152 Hillcrest. Members only

If you would to come along to one of the meetings please feel free to turn up at 8 pm or give me a ring on 204171.

Barbara

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Childminders who may currently have vacancies are:-

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Coffee and Kids

Run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents, carers and childminders of babies and pre-school children. Come and join us on Thursdays (term time only) in the Octagon (Church buildings) from 10 am – 11.30 am. £1.80 per adult. Price includes coffee and biscuits for adults, soft drinks and biscuits for children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys.

Bar Hill Conservatives

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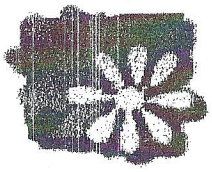

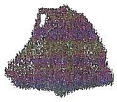

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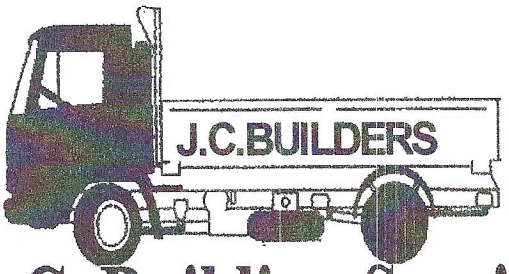

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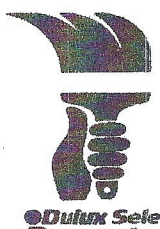

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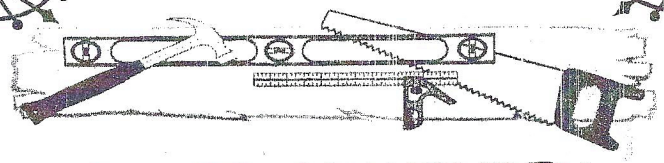

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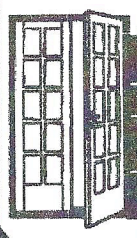

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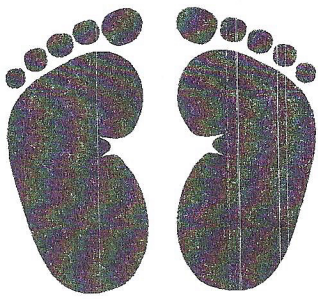

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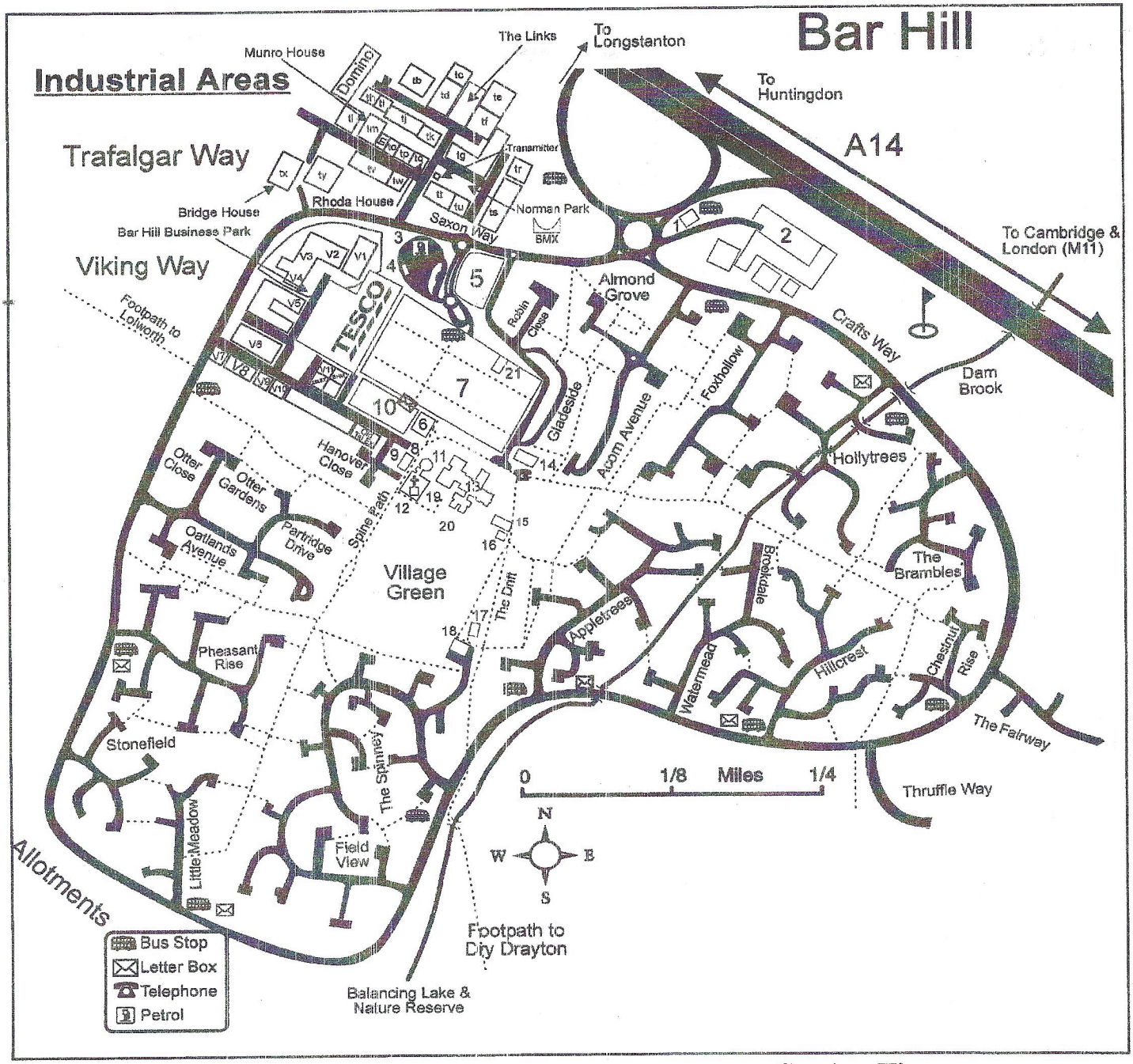

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During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc - as it is their Club, they even chose its name.

The children are given a snack, such as pasta or filled pittas, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

We are registered with OFSTED, which enables parents who are eligible for Working Families Tax Credit, to claim up to 70% of their childcare costs.

We also accept vouchers from the many schemes where the childcare costs are taken out of parents wage packets before they pay tax or national insurance, which also saves money.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICING

A review of the police service has been announced by the Home Office, which will look at some very important areas regarding the effectiveness of operational policing.

The four key areas include:

- Reducing bureaucracy and promote better business processes
- Sustaining the excellent progress that has been made on neighbourhood policing
- Ensuring that the public are driving local policing priorities and improve local involvement and accountability
- Managing resources effectively to deliver on the tough challenges of the coming years

E-cops - keeping in touch with the community

Cambridgeshire launched an electronic contact scheme two years ago after local officers in Cambridge devised a popular system for keeping members of the public informed about policing matters through regular e-mails. Since then more than 5,000 people have subscribed in the north and south of the county - and the central division scheme, covering towns from St Neots to Wisbech, comes online from April 2nd. The real aim is to enable neighbourhood teams to keep in touch with interested members of their community and to get feedback on issues and problems. We're getting useful information from regular users on how to improve the system - and it is not seen as a replacement for face-to-face contact! But it is another tool that local officers are now using to keep in touch and share information and advice at neighbourhood level.

Arrest Blitz success

Almost 200 arrests were made and drugs worth nearly £2 million were seized in the first year of a blitz on drugs, firearms and stolen property. Thousands of cannabis plants and thousands of pounds worth of cocaine were taken off the streets by officers raiding addresses and making arrests across the county. The blitz involved reorganising to make the best use of resources so that the Force could target suspects.

- 519 warrants executed
- A total of 196 arrests
- More than 7,000 cannabis plants seized
- Almost £1.7m worth of drugs seized

Cambridgeshire receives forensic award

A team from Cambridgeshire was awarded the High Sheriff's Forensic Award at an event on March 16th. The Award this year went to the team supporting Cambridgeshire Constabulary's investigation into the murder of Fred Moss. The forensic work carried out during the investigation was critical and the eventual murder conviction was obtained despite a body never having been found. The Police Authority believes this was a great credit to everybody concerned.

John Reynolds, County Councillor

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If you see anything suspicious - note the registration number, write it down with a description of the car and occupants as soon as you can, alert others to the potential problem and inform the police straight away.

Items stolen from cars are usually sold quickly for cash. All over the country, police have stores of seized items that they would like to return to the legitimate owners. Unfortunately it is impossible to identify them.

A FREE way to ensure your valuables are identifiable all over the UK is to register your property on www.immobilise.com. This site is searched thousands of times every day by British Police officers.

When registering an item on www.immobilise.com, a user ID and password is generated. This allows you to access the site and add or delete items at any time. There is no limit to the number of items that you can register. The recorded information can help you after loss, theft or fire to complete insurance claims, report stolen or lost property to the Police and mobile phone networks.

Registered items can be identified anywhere in the country, making it far more likely that your property will be returned. More importantly it may give the Police an audit trail to find the thief and bring about a successful prosecution.

HOLIDAYS ALWAYS SEE AN INCREASE IN BURGLARIES

There is always an increase in this type of crime over the coming holiday months, so please be extra vigilant with your security arrangements. Below, once again, are a few pointers to assist you in a small way.

- Ask a friend or neighbour to look after your house if you are away, and be sure to leave details of where you are staying or how you can be contacted • Cancel milk, newspapers, etc • Make use of time switches. Better still - leave a radio on • Don't leave items of value on view • Take the time out one day to mark your property. Photograph items of high value, such as jewellery, and note serial numbers of electrical goods • Don't forget outbuildings, such as sheds and garages •

Also, as the days are getting lighter, longer and brighter, we find that cycles, which have been in storage over the cold winter months, are once again being used. So if you should happen to own one, try to prevent it from being stolen by adopting some of these guidelines.

- Do not leave cycles in isolated places • Park safely and considerately where your bike will not cause a danger or obstruction to others - particularly older people, young children, or people with disabilities • Always lock a cycle when leaving it, even if only for a few minutes • Secure bikes to proper stands or robust street furniture • Lock cycles through the frame • Secure or remove wheels • Remove smaller parts and accessories that can't be secured - especially lights, pumps and quick release saddles • Remember that more than half of cycle theft happens at the owner's home •

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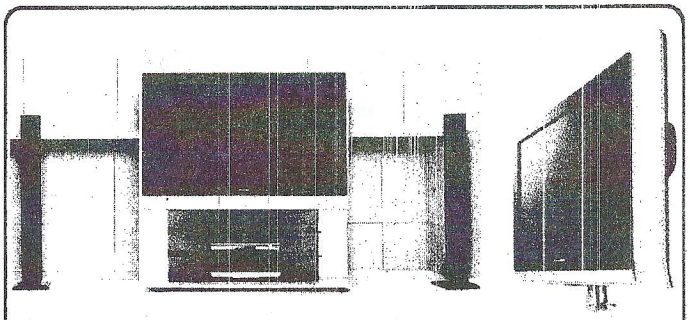

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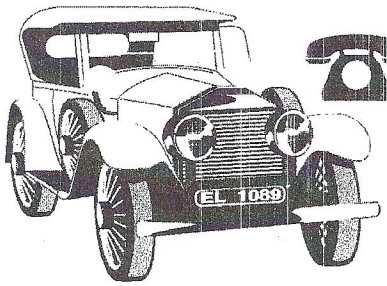

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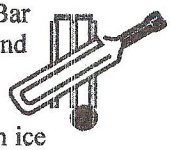

HOW'S IT GOING? *(Part 2)*

Back in March issue I gave you a run down on how the junior teams were doing, so to bring it all up to date, here's a quick breakdown on the rest of our teams.

Under 11's: In their first year at the higher level, the **"Rangers"** have had a pretty tough time, but they have managed 23 goals, and a never say die attitude.

Under 12's: The **"Bulldogs"** are lying 6th in their division (12D) having won a total of 11 and drawn 3 of their 19 matches to date, scoring 60 goals in the process.

Under 13's: The team has scored 79 goals in their 9 wins out of 19 games, giving the **"Bullets"** a well earned mid table position in division 13D

Under 14's: After last years promotion, the **"Jets"**, have continued to push their way up, and are currently lying 5th in 14B.

Under 16's: Although the **"Devils"** are currently 8th in division 16B, they have had a very successful year reaching the Cup Semi Finals.

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	Linda Ogilvie	202568
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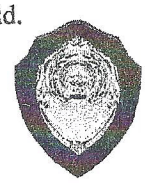
U13	Mark Hart	200314
U14	Jairo Marin	781838
U14 Girls	Ruth Pimentel	782253
U16	Nigel Barber	781533

REMAINING FIXTURES (May 2007)			
DATE	**TEAM**	**OPPOSITION**	
Tuesday 1st	Under 12's	Godmanchester	*Away*
Saturday 5th	Under 9's	Papworth	*Away*
Sunday 6th	**Under 13's**	**Milton Colts**	***Home***
	Adult 1st team	Tripl S	*Away*
	Adult Reserves	**Chesterton**	***Home***
Tuesday 8th	**Under 12's**	**Bottisham**	***Home***
Saturday12th	**Under 9's**	**Swavesey**	***Home***
Sunday 13th	Under 11's	Brampton	*Away*
	Under 13's	**Fulbourn**	***Home***
Tuesday 15th	**Under 12's**	**Eaton Socon**	***Home***
Saturday 19th	Under 9's	Willingham	*Away*

PRESENTATION EVENING

On **Saturday** the **19th** of this month it is time for our grand Presentation evening at **Girton College**. This is our annual end of season event where we can acknowledge the achievements of the players and teams who have represented Bar Hill over the past year. The evening starts at **6.30pm** so be there in plenty of time to take your seats for what promises to be a great evening. We will also be presenting the annual **Manager of the Year** award, and also our **Club Person of the Year** shield. The adult team will also be making the presentation to their choice for **Team of the Year.**



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Parents Rep:	Gail Pridgeon	203229
Child Welfare:	???	???

We hope to appoint a new Child Welfare Officer shortly, but if you have any questions on this issue, please contact any of our Committee who will be pleased to advise you.

FIXTURES

Only a few games left, and please note the Tuesday games if you are unable to make the weekends. These will kick off in the evenings.

BAR HILL ADULT F.C.

If you want any more information (or if you wish to play for) the Adult Football Club, Please contact:

Paul Prime	(01954) 203175
John Houston	(01954) 200951

Another success story, as one of our current Adult Team members is currently representing Cambridgshire at Under 18 County level. **Adam 'Deano' Dean** also played for Bar Hill Colts. The Adult Teams would very much like to thank all of those who have supported us during the last year.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our two girls teams are still going strong, and although the Under 11's are still to win a game, they are really enjoying themselves, and have a great team spirit. **Vicky Neal** and **Linda Ogilvy** have done a terrific job getting the **"Spitfires"** up and runnning. The Under 14's though continue to sweep everything in their path. Forget Chelsea's quadruple. **Ruth Pimentel's "Sapphires"** have reached the Cup final for the third season running, and are still in with a great chance of ending the season as League Champions.

Next Month:

Details on all of the Award Winners, from our presentation evening.

BAR HILL COLTS IS A CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

Please Note: The views expressed in this column are not necessarily the views of either Bar Hill Colts, or Bar Hill F.C.

……and don't forget, please do visit our Website, for all the latest news on Bar Hill Colts Football Club:

www.barhillcolts.org.uk

SWAVESEY & OVER CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SOCS)
DIARY OF EVENTS – APRIL-OCTOBER 2007

Saturday 28th April **MILTON COUNTRY PARK**
Perhaps the last chance to visit Milton Country Park! Led by Senior Ranger – Malcolm Busby. Meet in the official car park at 2.30 pm

Saturday 19th May **OVER RAILWAY CUTTING NATURE RESERVE**
Butterfly Monitoring Day. Meet at the railway bridge near Over Windmill at 2.00 pm. Safe parking 5 minutes away at the industrial estate. *PLEASE PHONE TREVOR GRANGE ON THE DAY TO CONFIRM ON 01954 230119*

Saturday 9th June **SUMMER COFFEE MORNING, BRING & BUY, and SALE OF PLANTS & CAKES**
10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Ashlea Farm – 57 Middlewatch – Swavesey. Everyone welcome! Proceeds towards funding winter programme

Saturday 16th June **A GUIDED WALK TO DISCOVER THE WILDLIFE AND HISTORY OF MIDDLE FEN, SWAVESEY**
Led by Tim Parish – a chance to learn more about your local area. Meeting at Swan Pond, Station Road, Swavesey at 2.30 pm. A leisurely ramble for all the family

Friday 6th July **BARBECUE, SOCIAL EVENING AND SWIM!**
Ashlea Farm – 57 Middlewatch – Swavesey. From 6.30 pm till late! *FRIENDS & FAMILY & NON-MEMBERS WELCOME!* Admission £4.00 (or a donation of food and drink!)

Monday 16th July **GUIDED VISIT TO NEW REED BEDS IN OVER FEN**
Park at the far end of Fen End Road (from the crossroads on Over Green) by the gates and lay-by, overlooking the new reed beds. Meet at 7.00 pm. (*REMEMBER BINOCULARS*!)

Monday 17th September **NEW PROJECTS FOR THE RSPB IN OUR AREA**
An illustrated talk by Graham Elliot - RSPB Fens Manager. Over Town Hall at 7.30 pm

Monday 15th October **ANTARCTICA – PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE**
By Dr John Dudeney, formerly of The British Antarctic Survey. Over Town Hall at 7.30 pm

Lifts available if required – PLEASE PHONE: Tim Parish: 01954 203035 or Pat Miles: 01954 780485
GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
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PLEASE ENSURE YOUR MAILING DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE. TO SAVE PAPER & POSTAGE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE DIARY OF EVENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT SOCS BY E-MAIL, PLEASE CONTACT: frparish@ntlworld.com
Admission Free unless otherwise stated;
however a donation of £2 per indoor meeting towards overheads & refreshments would be much appreciated.

Football Project

The pitch is being used regularly for Colts football training and the 5-a-side league. However we still have times available at the weekends. The pitch is suitable for football and many other sporting activities, such as mini tennis, hockey, bowls, volleyball and multi sports - it's a great venue for birthday parties. If you wish to find out more about **hiring** the facility then contact our Bookings Secretary, Lisa Francis on 201160. If you wish to **enter a team** in the 5-a-side league please ring Paul Thorby on 781527.

The officers of the Management Committee are: **Chairperson** Jack Fleming **Vice-chair** Alan Hewings **Secretary** Paul Thorby **Treasurer** Jairo Marin

Expecting a Baby?

If you are pregnant and your baby is due between late November 2007 and early March 2008, you may be interested in taking part in a programme in which medical students learn from expectant mothers. Over the last five years more than 600 women have helped students develop a wider understanding of the experience of pregnancy and childbirth by hearing directly from mothers-to-be. No physical examination is involved. If you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity to contribute to the education of our future doctors please contact: Joanna Griffiths, tel: 01223 769285/769288, e-mail: jg239@medschl.cam.ac.uk or pfp@medschl.cam.ac.uk

Bar Hill Police Surgery

Having started back in March, I am holding a regular Police surgery in the Bar Hill Parish Council Office. This is a great opportunity for all those residents who live in Bar Hill to come along and meet your local Police Community Support Officer. It is also good for you to tell me what's going on in your area and find out what we can do about it. The office will be open on every third Wednesday from 11am until 1pm. Hope to see you there!

Llian Cole, Bar Hill Police Community Support Officer

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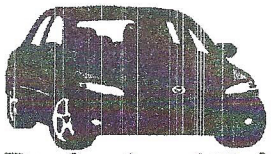

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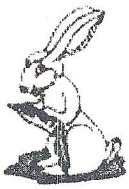

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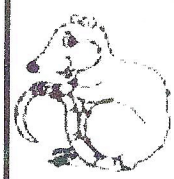

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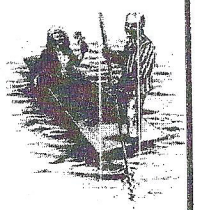

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Sun May 6th	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Meth)	Leader: Barry Vendy Speaker: Di Gunton
	6.30 pm	Informal Worship	Julie Gawthrope, Keith Dixon, Mel Stamp.
Sun 13th May	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Ruth Adams
	10.00 am	All-age Worship	Ruth Adams
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Ruth Adams
Sun 20th May	10.00 am	Holy Communion (URC)	Ruth Adams
	6.30 pm	Taize Service	Ruth Adams, Bob Chappell
Weds 23rd May	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Ruth Adams
Sun 27th May	10.00 am	Celebration for Pentecost	Ruth Adams, Julie Gawthrope, Keith Dixon, Mel Stamp
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion	Ruth Adams

People to contact — The Minister: Rev Ruth Adams — Tel: 01954 789369
Church Centre Manager: Helen Cook — Tel/Fax: 01954206120

There is also a Roman Catholic Mass at 6.00pm every Saturday

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre
Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm
Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm
Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays
also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne
and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

WHAT'S ON

MAY

3rd 8 o'clock Club "Everything I always wanted to know about sex" evening
details on page 16

6th Happy Hours go to Bournemouth
details on page 16

9th Bar Hill Resident's Association Meeting
details below

10th National Women's Register trip to Cambridge Folk Museum
details on page 4

17th Parish Council Meeting
details on page 7

19th Bar Hill Conservatives Supper Talk with Melanie Mclean
details on page 16

20th Annual Oxfam Walk
details on page 4

22nd "Rosie in Stitches" stall at Addenbrooke's Outpatients
details on page 11

22nd Bar Hill Tennis Club Draw for Wimbledon tickets
details on page 12

24th National Women's Register "Listen with Edna" evening
details on page 4

30th Happy Hours go to Market Bosworth
details on page 16

JUNE

7th 8 o'clock Club "Garden Party"
details on page 16

7th National Women's Register "A Taste of History" evening
details on page 4

13th Bar Hill Resident's Association Meeting
details below

29th Bar Hill Tennis Club go to Wimbledon
details on page 12

30th Closing date for entries for "Cambridgeshire's Volunteer of the Year" Award
details on page 15

- for **Church Services**, see page 29 •
- for **Cricket Fixtures**, see page 12 •
- for **Colts Fixtures**, see page 25 •

Bar Hill Residents' Association Meetings

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are now normally held on the **second Wednesday** of the month at the Parish Offices. The next meetings are on 9th May and 13th June.

BIN COLLECTION DATES for MAY

2nd	Green bin and box
19th	Black bin
16th	Green bin and box
23rd	Black bin
31st	Green bin and box

The Cuckoo

Just after five on a lovely May morning,
A distant bird lets out a call.
Right near me a blackbird is singing
But again I hear that distant call.

It's coming from the woods, way over yonder.
Again it comes on the easterley breeze.
The call of a cuckoo - the first of the year.
"Cuckoo" it goes from the edge of the trees.

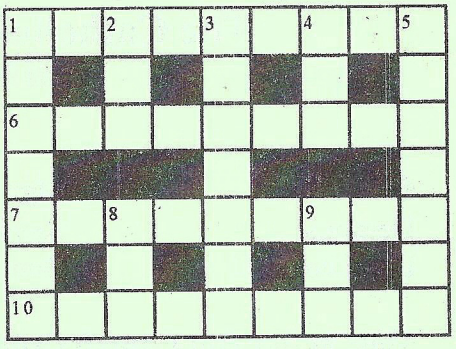
On hearing that call I know summer is coming
And soon he'll be singing morning til night.
He won't stay for long, but while he's with us
We hear his call - even out of sight.

For thousands of years there have been cuckoos singing.
Not much of a song, and it's nothing new.
But it's all part of an english summer.
It will lift your heart - or should do!

Nick Richardson

Editor's note: Whilst we all love Nick's poems, perhaps some of our younger readers might like to submit a poem?

KEITH'S CROSSWORD



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